

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Kirk Wagoner, on February 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 435, 2/16/2017; HB 469, 2/16/2017; HB 400; 02/10/2017; HB 517, 2/20/2017; HB 538, 2/20/2017; HB 495, 2/17/2017
Executive Action: HB 361; HB 386; HB 389; HB 409; SB 82; HB 123

HEARING ON HB 400**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:32 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 400, Require disclosure of health care prices.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Vivian Heslep, Self
00:08:13 Richard Miltenberger, Self
00:09:26 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
00:09:41 Cori Cook, Employee Benefit Management Services (EBMS)
00:18:59 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (Mont PIRG)
00:19:42 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association
00:21:16 Kendall Cotton, Office of State Auditor (OSA)
00:22:01 Zach MacQuarrie, American's for Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)
00:22:33 Greg Roadifer, Associated Employers
00:25:12 Jim Edwards, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:30 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a01\)](#)

00:29:54 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians
00:30:57 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting
00:32:28 Greg Drapes, Monida Healthcare Network

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a05\)](#)

00:43:55 Amy Beames, Benefis Health System

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a06\)](#)

00:46:21 Carl Bruesch, Benefit Health System
00:49:16 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals
00:49:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:50:14 Bill Warden, St. Peters Hospital; Bozeman Health
00:50:28 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:00 Rep. Mandeville
00:51:28 Rep. Hertz
00:52:07 Rep. Kelker
00:52:31 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals
00:53:21 Rep. Karjala
00:54:22 Cori Cook, EBMS
00:56:53 Rep. Dunwell
00:57:31 Bill Warden, St. Peters Hospital; Bozeman Health

00:57:55 Rep. Sales
 00:58:25 Bob Olson, MHA
 01:02:08 Rep. Ricci
 01:02:46 Cori Cook, EBMS
 01:04:19 Rep. Usher
 01:05:38 Bob Olson, MHA
 01:09:33 Rep. Usher
 01:09:59 Cori Cook, EBMS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:37 Rep. Hertz

01:12:55 Recess

01:22:12 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 435

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:39 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 435, Eliminate the workforce and TPA wellness provisions of the HELP Act.

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:59 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a08\)](#)

01:36:22 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)

01:41:51 Mary Dalton, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:04 Rep. Kelker
 01:44:31 Scott Eychner, DLI
 01:44:44 Rep. Ricci
 01:45:15 Scott Eychner, DLI
 01:45:52 Rep. Pierson
 01:47:24 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
 01:47:52 Rep. Jacobson
 01:49:14 Scott Eychner, DLI
 01:49:32 Rep. Karjala
 01:51:35 Mary Dalton, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:53 Rep. Burnett

HEARING ON HB 469

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:53:50 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 469, Revise laws related to choice of practitioners.

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:59 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT)

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a10\)](#)

02:01:09 Alicia Smith, NAMI

02:01:59 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

02:02:50 Dan Stusek, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:47 Rep. Kelker

02:04:14 Abigail St. Lawrence, MAMFT

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:57 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a11\)](#)

02:08:19 Recess

02:17:20 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:17:43 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 517, Require DPHHS to develop a strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:21:44 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)

02:23:20 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:24:13 Jani McCall, Intermountain; Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR); Family Support Network (FSN); Protect Montana Kids Commission (PMK)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:27:28 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:02 Rep. Ricci
 02:31:35 Laura Smith, DPHHS
 02:32:15 Rep. Usher
 02:32:34 Rep. Dudik
 02:32:54 Rep. Usher
 02:33:38 Laura Smith, DPHHS
 02:34:26 Rep. Usher
 02:34:56 Rep. Wagoner
 02:35:16 Rep. Dudik
 02:36:18 Rep. Sales
 02:36:27 Rep. Hill Smith
 02:38:10 Laura Smith, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:26 Rep. Dudik

 02:41:11 Recess
 02:59:25 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 495

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:59:34 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 495, Revise laws concerning the discharge of patients from mental health facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(huh39a12\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:03:33 Alicia Smith, NAMI
 03:04:25 Colleen Rahn, NAMI

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:07:24 Rep. Pierson
 03:07:56 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

03:08:51 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 538

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:09:30 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 538, Revise laws related to emergency care providers for veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:11:38 Jason Zentgraf, Rural Institute for Veterans Education and Research (RIVER)
03:13:25 Ed Lesofski, Rural Institute for Veterans Education and Research (RIVER)
03:17:44 Samuel Redfern, United States of Hope (USOH)

Opponents' Testimony:

03:21:43 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:26:36 Rep. Kelker
03:27:20 Rep. Hopkins
03:28:00 Rep. Kelker
03:28:13 Rep. Hopkins
03:28:31 Rep. Kelker
03:28:42 Rep. Hopkins
03:29:14 Ed Lesofski, RIVER
03:30:22 Rep. Ricci
03:30:53 Samuel Redfern, USOH
03:32:36 Rep. Ricci
03:32:44 Samuel Redfern, USOH
03:33:06 Rep. Sales
03:33:50 Ed Lesofski, RIVER

Closing by Sponsor:

03:39:40 Rep. Hopkins

03:40:59 Recess
03:46:38 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 361

03:46:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 361 DO PASS.**

03:47:00 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Discussion:

03:47:14 Rep. Karjala

03:47:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 361 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 386

03:49:00 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 386 DO PASS.**

03:49:13 Sue O'Connell, LSD

EXHIBIT(huh39a13)

03:49:21 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 386 BE AMENDED.**

03:50:06 Sue O'Connell, LSD

03:50:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

03:51:10 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 386 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:51:17 Rep. Usher

03:51:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 389

03:52:02 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 389 DO PASS.**

03:52:12 Sue O'Connell, LSD

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(huh39a14)

03:52:30 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 389 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:52:48 Chair Wagoner

03:53:03 Rep. Harris

03:53:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

03:54:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 389 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 409

03:54:54 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 409 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:55:06 Rep. Ricci

03:55:38 Rep. Jacobson

03:55:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Lenz, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Wagoner voting no. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

03:57:21 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **SB 82 BE CONCURRED IN.**

03:57:26 Sue O'Connell, LSD

03:57:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier voted by proxy. Rep. Karjala will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

03:58:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 123 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

03:59:14 Sue O'Connell, LSD

Discussion:

03:59:22 Rep. Wagoner

03:59:57 Rep. Mandeville

04:00:14 Rep. Karjala

04:00:43 Sue O'Connell, LSD

04:01:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by roll call vote with Rep. W. Sales voting no. Rep. Hill Smith and Rep. M. Regier were excused.

04:02:15 Chair Wagoner

04:02:38 Rep. Welch

04:03:15 Chair Wagoner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 04:04:05

Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh39aad.pdf](#))